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1. SUMMARY: ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN DELEGATIONS MET AGAIN IN BRAZZAVILLE JULY 21 AND 22. WHILE WE DO NOT YET HAVE A FULL READ-OUT OF THIS FROM THE GOZ CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THIS LATEST SESSION, INDICATIO NS
ARE THAT AGREEMENT IS ON TRACK. ZAIRIAN NATIONAL PRESS AGENCY (AZAP) PUBLISHED FOLLOWING REPORT OF THE MEETING ON JULY 24. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. UNCLASSIFIED: "ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN DELEGATIONS WHICH
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HAVE BEEN MEETING IN BRAZZAVILLE SINCE FRIDAY SIGNED ON SATURDAY MORNING THE PROCESS-VERBAL MARKING THE END OF TALKS. THE AGREEMENTS ARE OF THREE KINDS:

1 -- THE FORMATION OF A CONTROL COMMISSION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OAU IN CHARGE OF PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE TWO PARTIES.

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2 -- RECOURSE TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, FOR THE RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THEIR COUNTRY IF THEY SO WISH.

3 -- THE OPENING OF THE BENGUELA RAILWAY.

AS FAR AS THE FIRST IS CONCERNED, IT IS STILL TO BE DECIDED WHICH COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTROL COMMISSION. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE LATEST TALKS HELD/STRICTLY BEHING CLOSED DOORS OF THE "CITE 17" IN BRAZZAVILLE HAS DEALT WITH THIS QUESTION.

AS FOR THE BENGUELA RAILWAY, WHICH LINKS THE ANGOLAN SOUTH WESTERN HARBOUR WITH THE ZAIRIAN BORDER OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 2,000 KM THE ANGOLAN DELEGATION SAID THAT IT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REPAIRED AND IS READY FOR USE ALONG ITS ENTIRE LENGTH. THIS RAILROAD LINKS THE ATLANTIC TO THE MINERAL REGIONS OF ZAIRE AND OF ZAMBIA IS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES. IT WILL ENABLE THEM TO EXPORT THEIR PRODUCTION BY A DIRECT AND SURE ROUTE.

IN RECEIVING THE ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN DELEGATIONS WHO HAS JUST SIGNED THE MINUTES OF THE BRAZZAVILLE NEGTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ON SATURDAY, PRESIDENT JOACHIM YHOMBI OPONGO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE VARIOUS MEETINGS.

BY THIS MEANS, THE CHIEF OF STATE WISHED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY, OF FRIENDSHIP AND ABOVE ALL OF DUTY, 'BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO BEYOND SEVERAL CONTRADICTIONS
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FREQUENT AMONG PEOPLES AND SHOW THAT YOU ARE FILLED WITH THE ARDENT DESIRE TO LIVE IN GENUINE FRATERNITY.' WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE,' THE CONGOLESE CHIEF OF STATE CONTINUED, ' IS THE SPIRIT OF SEEKING RESULTS WHICH LED TO SUCCESS, AND THE VERY LEAST ONE OUGHT TO DO NOW IS TO CONGRATULATE PRESIDENTS MOBUTU AND NETO FOR THE WISDOM WHICH INSPIRED THEM TO ACCEPT THIS MEETING IN BRAZZAVILLE.' FINALLY, PRESIDENT YHOMBI OPANGO ASKED THE DELEGATION, 'TO PUT THINGS IN CONCRET FORM AND TO SHOW THAT THE POLITICAL WILL,' WHICH THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE HAVE DEMONSTRATED,' MAY BE PERPETUATED SO THAT PEACE AND FRATERNITY CAN REIGN AMONG THE PEOPLES OF CENTRAL AFRICA AND OF ALL AFRICA AS WELL'.

"AFTER THE SIGNATURE OF THE MINUTES WHICH TOOK PLACE EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON, THE TWO DELEGATIONS WERE THE GUESTS AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT AT THE RELAIS HOTEL. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS LUNCHEON, MEMBERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS FRATERNIZED BEFORE LEAVING TO RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. THE ZAIRIAN DELEGATION, WHICH WAS LEAD BY REAR ADMIRAL LOMPONDA WA BOTENDE, RETURNED TO KINSHASA SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30 VIA NGOBILA BEACH."
END TEXT.

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3. FULL TEXT OF REPORT, WHICH GIVES COMPOSITION OF THE ZAIRIAN
AND ANGOLAN DELEGATIONS AS WELL AS THAT OF THE CONGOLESE OBSERVER
GROUP, POUCHED TO AF/C - SWING.
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